

CHAPTER NO. 906

SENATE BILL NO. 2289

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2646

By McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 4, relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-401, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(3) "Owner" means a person in lawful possession of property, whether the possession is actual or constructive. This does not include a person, who is restrained from the property or habitation by a valid court order or order of protection other than an ex parte order of protection, obtained by the person maintaining residence on the property.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 10, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR